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From: Davis, Alison
Sent: Tue 1/14/2014 6:29:52 PM
Subject: FW: URGENT: Fact-checking article on the WV water contamination

See below and let me know. Thanks.

From: Johnson, Alisha
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 1:19 PM
To: Davis, Alison
Subject: RE: URGENT: Fact-checking article on the WV water contamination

Can you check with OCSPP? I believe all of these points are true

From: Davis, Alison
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 1:18 PM
To: Johnson, Alisha
Subject: FW: URGENT: Fact-checking article on the WV water contamination

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From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 1:17 PM
To: Hull, George; Davis, Alison
Subject: Fw: URGENT: Fact-checking article on the WV water contamination

Are you all handling?
Cathy Milbourn, US EPA Office of Media Relations 202-420-8648

From: Asfour, Nana <Nana_Asfour@newyorker.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 1:06:15 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy
Subject: URGENT: Fact-checking article on the WV water contamination

Dear Cathy,

I am a fact-checker at the New Yorker magazine and I'm working on an article about the water contamination in West Virginia for our online version. I would like to confirm that the following information on MCHM, the chemical leaked into the water, is accurate:

**MCHM is one of the 62,000 chemicals that were already in use when TSCA, the country's main chemical safety law, was passed in 1976.

**All of these chemicals were presumed to be safe, and EPA was not required to determine their safety.

**To require testing of these chemicals under TSCA, EPA must first provide evidence that the chemical may pose a risk.

I hope you can get back to me soon. We would like to publish this article this afternoon.

Many thanks for your time.

Best,

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